

Zebra Mussel-Free Certification

Save Time and Self-Certify

You are asked to comply with the Bureau of Reclamation's Quagga/Zebra mussel prevention program before you may launch your boat into Lake Berryessa.

For most boaters, this will be a simple process.

Here is what you need to do before you can launch:

- Look at the questions on the other side of this page.
- If your answers to these questions tell you to get your boat professionally decontaminated before launching in Lake Berryessa, you must do so.
- If your boat is ready to launch now, just complete the self certification statement. **Be sure to display the certificate on your dashboard while your vehicle is parked in the boat launch areas.** You can use the certificate all winter long, but you must ensure that your boat is clean each time you launch at Lake Berryessa. Don't let zebra/quagga mussels hitchhike on your boat.

In January 2007, quagga mussels were discovered in Lakes Mead, Mohave, and Havasu. This is the first time zebra or quagga mussels have been discovered west of the Rocky Mountains. Zebra and quagga mussels have already invaded much of the Eastern U.S.

Fortunately, Lake Berryessa is free of zebra and quagga mussels. It depends on you- and all of us- to keep it this way.

Zebra and quagga mussels can be spread by your boat, but they cannot live out of the water for long periods of time. Simply washing boats and equipment and allowing it to fully dry is an effective way to reduce the risk of spreading these aquatic hitchhikers.

Zebra and quagga mussels and other harmful plants and animals may be hiding under your trim tabs, in your engine, or even on our anchor chain. Zebra and quagga mussels are microscopic in their earliest life stages, making them impossible to detect with a visual inspection.

Zebra and quagga mussels have the potential to:

- Disrupt the food chain and fishing
- Foul facilities like docks and ramps
- Encrust boats and clog engines
- Litter beaches with sharp smelly shells.

If you have questions, please contact the Lake Berryessa Recreation Resources Branch at 707-966-2111.

For more information , visit www.protectyourwaters.net

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Has your boat been used in Lakes Mead, Mohave, or Havasu, or waters **east of the Rocky Mountains**, in the last 30 days?

NO

You are ready to launch. Sign the certificate on page 3 and display it on your dashboard at all times while your vehicle and boat trailer are in Lake Berryessa.

YES

Was your boat and trailer thoroughly washed and allowed to **completely** dry for at least 5 days since you last launched? You must have removed all dirt organic material, or grit from the boat. You must have drained and flushed all live wells and bilge areas. The boat must be allowed to dry for at least 5 days.

YES

You are ready to launch. Sign the certificate on page 3 and display it on your dashboard at all times while your vehicle and boat trailer are at Lake Berryessa.

NO

You are required to get a professional decontamination at any Department of Fish and Game approved Zebra/Quagga Mussel Station.

Please contact Department of Fish and Game for Decontamination locations at 866-440-9530.

Zebra and Quagga Mussel Prevention Program

This Certificate Must Be Placed
On Your Dashboard

MUSSEL FREE

Failure to display this certificate on the dashboard of your vehicle while parked with an empty boat trailer may result in a citation.

Zebra and Quagga Mussels Pose a Major Threat to Lake Berryessa

Mussels in any lake could:

- Disrupt the food chain and fishing
- Foul facilities like docks and ramps
- Encrust boats and clog engines
- Litter beaches with sharp smelly shells

These invasive species from Eastern Europe are spreading at a fast rate across the United States. They are transported to new areas attached to boats or harbored in tiny amounts of water.

**I affirm that my vessels do not threaten Lake Berryessa
with Zebra or Quagga Mussels.**

Please check one: _____ Boat not used in last 30 days in infested waters

_____ Boat washed and allow to completely dry for at least 5 days

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**THANK YOU FOR PROTECTION
LAKE BERRYESSAS**